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Mr. Phil Kootman,
President
Branch Metal Processing Corporation
105 Byassee Drive
Hazelwood, Missouri 63042

Dear Mr. Kootman:

At your request along with additional information from Mr. Gary Heifetz of Susman, Stern, Heifetz, Luri, Sheehan, Popkin and Chervitz, Attorneys at Law, I personally made a visual inspection of the property and buildings in Bellefontaine Neighbors and Riverview Gardens, at 600 St. Cyr Road, formerly occupied by Certain-Teed Corporation.

An inspection was made of the vacant buildings for obvious environmental problems that would remain from the previous occupant. Of prime concern was the fact that the facility had been used for manufacturing of asbestos cement products. It was noted that flat surfaces in the manufacturing areas, surfaces such as horizontal support beams; interior roofs of enclosures previously used as parts supply rooms, dressing rooms, restrooms; abandoned equipment and window ledges contained varying amounts of dust which was suspected of containing asbestos fibers. Several grab samples were collected, inspected in our laboratory and confirmed to contain asbestos.

It is our opinion that the major quantities of this dust needs to be removed prior to beneficial occupancy for other uses to prevent entrainment of this dust into the working environment and creating an asbestos problem. In some locations this dust is one-half to one inch thick and very susceptible to air entrainment. Specifically the top portions of exposed beams, support channels, window ledges and interior roof surfaces which provide low ceiling rooms in the work areas should be cleaned by vacuum. Several below floor level wells which formerly housed production equipment have large quantities of asbestos cement residue and need to be cleaned by scraping and hosing with water. The floor and well residue are primarily located in the older building scheduled to be occupied by Branch Metals.

Visual inspection of the surrounding grounds showed it to be neat and clean with no obvious residual problems from previous operations. You should be aware, however, of the asbestos cement waste material disposal area at the east side of the property which has been covered with clean dirt and planted with grass cover in accordance with regulatory agency guidelines and approval. You should assure yourself of any obligations regarding this disposal that may be assumed by new ownership and of any restrictions on future use of this disposal area.

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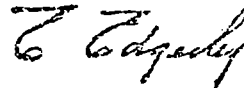
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After interior clean-up operations are complete, I will be glad to reinspect the premises.

Sincerely yours,

ENVIRONMENT ENERGY CONSULTANTS, INC.



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President

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cc: Mr. Gary Heifetz